

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/853,976

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/23/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 59,60,63-66,68-70,72-76 and 78-83.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art, Jones et al. (US2004/0254863) teach an automated (0010) computer implemented method and a computer program for ordering and tracking components (see for example paragraphs 0003, 0005, 0010, 0011, 0029) required to assemble an asset for use in a particular data center (see for example, "enterprise" in paragraph 0029) comprising a plurality of assets, the method/program comprising: creating an asset record (for example 0034) where the asset is comprised of a plurality of components (0003), wherein creating the asset record comprises generating an asset identifier for the asset (i.e., "barcode", see for example 0036, 0047) that is unique, creating a purchase order for the components of the asset (0010, 0045, 0052, 0054, 0055), storing purchase order information and associated asset record in a management database (0029, 0034, 0045, 0054), updating the asset record when changes occur (0057), determining whether all components required for assembling the asset have been received (for example 0010), transmitting purchase orders to a vendor (0067), use of templates (0044), the asset record having physical descriptions (0054), the asset having an unique ID (0047, 0056).

Jones et al. lack the teaching of the asset identifier for the asset being generated based on the created purchase orders and the updating of the asset record being automatic without human intervention.

The prior art, JP02058103A, teaches a system whereby correct parts for products are automatically delivered.

JP02058103A lacks the teaching of the combination of a computer implemented method or program (without human intervention) comprising: creating an asset record that generates an asset identifier that is unique; creating a purchase order for each component, the asset identifier for the asset being generated based on the created purchase orders; storing the asset record and purchase order information in a database; retrieving and updating the asset record upon receiving the components and purchase order information; and determining whether all components required for assembling the asset have been received.

The prior art titled, "Bar coding system tracks telecommunications equipment", teaches a system for tracking goods using bar codes.

The document, "Bar coding system tracks telecommunications equipment" lacks the teaching of the combination of a computer implemented method or program (without human intervention) comprising: creating an asset record that generates an asset identifier that is unique; creating a purchase order for each component, the asset identifier for the asset being generated based on the created purchase orders; storing the asset record and purchase order information in a database; retrieving and updating the asset record upon receiving the components and purchase order information; and determining whether all components required for assembling the asset have been received.

The limitations lacking in the prior art, in combination with the other limitations clearly claimed in the application for patent, are novel and unobvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to F. Ryan Zeender whose telephone number is (571) 272-6790. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Kalinowski can be reached on (571) 272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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